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a sweetener consisting essentially of sucrose, corn syrup and sorbitol , and
at least about 5% wt water

said carrier having an A_w of about 0.60 to about 0.75, and a soft and chewy texture,
and said A_w being adjusted to permit an appropriate amount of free water in the presence of the
additive.

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12. (thrice amended) A method of making a carrier and additive mixture for use in
an oral administration of a therapeutically effective amount of the additive in discrete dosage form,
comprising the steps of:

- a) forming a matrix and additive admixture by mixing, in a one-step procedure
additive,
about 10 to about 50% wt starch,
0 to about 40% wt fat or oil,
a sweetener consisting of sucrose, corn syrup and sorbitol
and water,
and mixing;

adjusting the relative amounts of polyhydric alcohol and water to control the A_w of said carrier to
adjust the level of moisture in the carrier to be a level not inimical to the additive and extruding said
carrier and additive to form an extrudate.

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26. (twice amended) A carrier for the oral administration of a pharmaceutical
additive to mammals in a discrete dosage form, said carrier comprising: